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Greetings from Senator Shaheen

Dear Friends,

I'm sure you're as excited as I am that warm weather is finally on its way in New Hampshire. As the last remnants of winter fade away, I hope we can enjoy a similar thaw in our political discourse.

Lately, some of the debate in New Hampshire and Washington, on both sides of the aisle, has sounded more like reality TV than legislative engagement. In a recent [Union Leader op-ed](#), I called for a renewed commitment to civility in our political conversation.

Also in this newsletter, you can read more about my commitment to deficit reduction, and to boosting science and technology education.

As always, I'm honored to serve our great state and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Senator Shaheen was joined by members of four local high school robotics teams and inventor Dean Kamen at an event on Capitol Hill on April 4 where she unveiled her Innovation Inspiration School Grant Program. The legislation is designed to increase students' access to innovative science and technology education programs.

Reducing our long-term deficit

Senator Shaheen is committed to finding a bipartisan solution to address our long-term deficit and believes to do so we have to look at everything deficit-related—including reforms to domestic, mandatory, and defense spending, as well as revenues. Right now, the government is giving away more in tax breaks every year than it takes in through taxes. Senator Shaheen doesn't think that makes sense.

At the same time, Senator Shaheen knows we still need to make smart investments that will drive economic growth, which is why she recently [proposed legislation to boost science and technology education](#). Senator Shaheen also feels we need to change the way we do budgeting, through reforms such as [her biennial budgeting bill](#).

Although the road to deficit reduction will require difficult compromises, Senator Shaheen is committed to working with her colleagues on Capitol Hill to forge a solution that addresses the deficit and will keep our economy moving forward.

Supporting Science and Technology Education

To remain competitive in the global economy, Senator Shaheen knows America has to lead in science and technology education, which is why she recently [rolled out her Innovation Inspiration School Grant Program](#).

The legislation would give high school students greater access to innovative programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education—from robotics competitions to engineering

software challenges. By encouraging schools to partner with the private sector, it would also provide students with mentors who can serve as role models and help students find well-paying jobs.

At [Londonderry laser firm Insight Technology](#), Senator Shaheen emphasized that the jobs of tomorrow aren't in low-wage manufacturing, they're at companies like Insight—companies that are ensuring America continues to be the global leader in the STEM fields her bill would support.

Senator Shaheen officially announced the initiative at an [event on Capitol Hill](#). Surrounded by members of four local high school robotics teams and their mechanical creations, Senator Shaheen explained that the bill would help train the next generation of American innovators. "This is important for our students, for our economy, and for our future," Senator Shaheen said.

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